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The Deployer Mission Statement

The mission of The Deployer is two-fold:

To provide information on an improved Defense Transportation System brought by TC-AIMS II and to provide the current TC ACCIS community of system end-users, sponsors and interested parties with useful information on technology, procedures and organizational matters.

Message from the PM

Mr. Robert Morris, PM,TIS

Welcome to the fall 2003 edition of The Deployer.

Hello, my name is Rob Morris and I am the new Project Manager of Transportation Information Systems. I'd like to introduce myself, update you on our progress since the last issue of The Deployer, and share my vision for the future.

The PM position is filled by selection boards very similar to the command selection boards. Prior to my selection to TIS, I attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. My previous acquisition assignments included Project Manager, Tank and Medium-Caliber Armament Systems (TMAS), where I managed the development and production of the munitions for the Abrams, Bradley and Stryker Mobile Gun System; and Product Manager, Information Technology Systems (PM, ITS), where I managed the design, installation and fielding of the voice, data and video communications systems for the Pentagon Renovation.

The Navy's Block 2 Operational Test has recently concluded in Norfolk, Virginia. This followed the Army's test held in Fort Lewis. We are working with the test community to analyze the results and to solidify a test schedule for the Marines.

Our Block 1 fielding efforts continue in USARPAC. Fielding has been completed in Hawaii and Alaska, and we are currently conducting training in Korea, Japan and Okinawa.

We continue to push for a December fielding decision for Block 2 and a decision to begin Block 3. Block 3 will provide an initial capability for port operators to gain visibility of inbound units and cargo, and for a Movement Control Center to task available assets and schedules and to manage and track multiple convoy movements.

In addition, the DAMMS-R users in Korea and Europe are reviewing our efforts to place the program in a Web environment. Pending their approval, the Web version, Transportation Information Systems – Theater Operations (TIS-TO), will become the system of record until it is fully replaced within the TC-AIMS II system.

It's good to be onboard. I look forward to working with the TIS JPMO staff to further the progress of TC-AIMS II and the rest of the transportation systems and tools. As we stand up the Enterprise, which will make these systems and tools available to each one of you based on your individual needs, I look forward to working with you and learning about your specific needs. I plan to use this venue to keep you apprised of future program developments.

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From the Network Security Corner of Computer Security

What is Inappropriate Use of TIS Automated Information Systems?

by Steven McNeil, AMS

Employee use of government computers is a privilege that comes with employment with the government. In accordance with AR 380-19, TIS computers should only be used for official government business, with the exception of the occasional health and welfare emails sent to family members. TIS personnel unsure about what constitutes official government business should contact their information security officer or their system administrator.

The following is a sampling of unauthorized uses and activities of TIS workstations, laptops and servers.

- Creating, downloading, viewing, storing, copying, or sending sexually explicit or sexually oriented materials can subject you to severe disciplinary action or legal prosecution.
- Annoying or harassing another individual, e.g., sending uninvited e-mail of a personal nature or using lewd or offensive language can cause you to be fired from your job.
- Using for commercial purposes or in support of "for-profit" activities or other outside employment, business activity (e.g., consulting for pay, sales or administration of business transactions, sale of goods or services), or gambling.
- Engaging in any outside fund-raising activity, endorsing any product or service, participating in any lobbying activity, or engaging in any prohibited partisan political activity.
- Creating, copying, sending, or resending chain letters or other unauthorized mass mailings.
- Using for illegal, inappropriate, or offensive activities to fellow employees or the public. Such activities include hate speech or material that ridicules others on the basis of race, creed, religion, color, sex, disability, national origin, or sexual orientation.
- Posting office information to any external newsgroup, chat room, bulletin board, or other public forum without authority.
- Causing congestion, delay, or disruption of service to any office equipment by personal use. This includes sending pictures, videos or sound files or other large file attachments that can degrade computer network performance.
- Acquisitioning, reproducing, sending, or distributing any controlled information without prior authorization. This includes copyrighted computer software; other copyrighted or trademarked material or material with intellectual property rights (beyond fair use); privacy information; and proprietary data or export-controlled data or software.

Many offices permit some personal use of office equipment, but only when such personal use involves minimal expense to the organization, is performed on personal, non-work time, does not interfere with the office's mission, and does not violate standards.

Coming to a Theater Near You—TIS-TO Nears Full USFK Acceptance

by Jean Price, Brian Coady, Steve Williams and Mike Loya

Transportation users at 25th TMCA USFK are currently running TIS-TO, the Web-enabled variation of the former DAMMS-R, in an evaluation relative to its prospective use as the interim theater operations system, until a more robust offering of that functionality arrives with TC-AIMS II Block 3.

From all reports, the evaluation, which is pitting the performance and ease of use of the former DAMMS-R with its latter incarnation, is proceeding very well. Though hesitant at first, users are becoming more and more reliant on TIS-TO for conducting day-to-day operations. In fact, indications are that barring any unforeseen issues, the decision to accept TIS-TO and shut off DAMMS-R will be made during the first week of November 2003. The Web-enabled TIS-TO is essentially DAMMS-R Block 3 made accessible over the Web via Web wrapper technology. In addition, certain extraneous functionality has been excised for a better user experience.

Web wrapper technology typically preserves the look and feel of a legacy, non Web-enabled program and centralizes the database and application, accessed using Internet Explorer. Additionally, the Citrix ICA, a simple thin client desktop, is downloaded on each user's workstation to remotely display what is running on the server. The ICA Client is an appliance-like device that accesses the centrally managed TIS-TO server-based Windows application and provides excellent performance. Like Web-based programs, there is near complete portability. Any system that has Internet Explorer can load and run the ICA applet and access TIS-TO (given security provisions are met).

***TIS-TO Nears Full USFK Acceptance**, continued on page 10*

Business Management Directorate, Asset Management

by Ken Dillon, Asset Manager

TIS JPMO is currently fielding the TC-AIMS II application and its supporting suite of computer hardware to the Army. With the advent of this fielding effort, many units and personnel have asked what hardware to expect during fielding, and for a list of expendable items and how to replenish them.

AIT Hardware used by TC-AIMS II

The suite of hardware issued for TC-AIMS II is comprised of servers, laptop computers, laser printers, and AIT suites of equipment. The AIT suite includes Hand Held Interrogators (HHI) with portable bar code label printers; the HHI Transit Case Group; desktop bar code label printers; the Z4M Bar Code Printer TCG and Active Transportable Interrogators ATI TCG, with or without solar panel power option. All of which are provided as prepackaged groups of equipment contained within transit cases. It should be noted that all units will not receive all the equipment listed. Questions regarding the specifications of the hardware can be answered by accessing the TIS Web site. Click on Help Desk, Frequently Asked Questions, then TC-AIMS II Development Hardware Configuration.

Once issued, it is the responsibility of the gaining unit to ensure that their equipment is maintained in operational condition. TIS JPMO will be important in this process. All equipment is issued with a warranty of five years, regardless of the manufacturer, which is tracked by TIS. Additionally, TIS is compiling a list of expendable items within the TC-AIMS II equipment suite which will include the item description, original manufacturer and original manufacturer part number and, if possible, alternate vendors that may be used to purchase re-supply items. This list will also be posted on the TIS Web site. To keep systems operational, it is very important that receiving units immediately identify the expendable items when issued equipment and make arrangements through their supply system to initiate reorder procedures to ensure that an adequate amount are on hand or readily available for reorder. **TIS is not responsible, nor capable of supporting re-supply of expendable items**. However, we will make every effort to support units in their efforts to keep expendable items current.

In subsequent issues of The Deployer, TIS will continue to address the topic of expendable items by posting the list as currently defined and including any updates. We will also continue to address the topics of equipment warranty, warranty/repair procedures, equipment care and equipment changes.

TIS Joint Service Conference and Workshop Rescheduled for 2004

Due to overriding, conflicting requirements and mission priorities, the TIS Conference and Workshop scheduled for New Orleans this December has been cancelled. We trust that those of you who have already committed to attending and participating in this event will understand and appreciate that we had little choice but to take this action. We certainly share your disappointment.

However, we are not deterred from presenting a highly professional and rewarding conference and workshop to all of you who would consider joining us in Las Vegas, Nevada, in April 2004. Planning for this event is already underway.

Additional information on our program and how to register for the Las Vegas event will be provided on the TIS Web site as soon as it becomes available.

Email any questions to the workshop coordinator at robert.fetterolf@eis.army.mil.

TC-AIMS II Sustainment Training via Resident and Distance Learning

by Charles E. Lukasek , Chief MOB/MVMT Training Center, ARRTC

Sustainment training for the TC-AIMS II course will be conducted in resident and Distance Learning (DL) modes starting January 04. The ten-day course will be made available through broadcast to remote sites throughout the nation to all of the Services—Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force.

The Army Reserve Readiness Training Center (ARRTC) at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin will conduct the training using its Digital Training Facility classrooms. The ARRTC has been a leader in the successful implementation of DL as a vehicle by which quality training is offered to students on a very economical basis. With DL, students in Alaska, Hawaii and Fort Riley can all attend the very same course. The savings are tremendous and the crucial interactiveness between students and instructors is preserved.

Admission to ARRTC courses is by nomination from the prospective student's command via the Army Training Requirements and Resources System (ATRRS). Students must have a valid ATRRS reservation to attend an ARRTC class. The course number for TC-AIMS II is 921-412. Further information and specific course dates are available through the Mobilization and Movement Training Center at the ARRTC Web site at https://arrtc.mccoy.army.mil or e-mail: mmt@arrtc-exch.mccoy.army.mil.

Ten Year Service Awards

by Dennis Lasley, Project Manager, RAM, Inc.

In today's fast paced environment of ever-changing projects and systems, combined with the competitive nature of contractor support and personnel turnover, change has become the norm. It is a rarity that the same personnel remain on the same project and team for an extended period of time. Such is the nature of the contracting business with the continual evolution of government projects and priorities.

This is what makes a recent anniversary so unique for some employees of Research, Analysis and Maintenance (RAM), Inc. Beginning in April of 1993, this company began the long journey of supporting the then new TC ACCIS project as a partner with Unisys. Ten years later, with TC-AIMS II taking the lead, four of the original RAM employees are still an integral part of the support team.

From left, Garry Haun, Raquel Soranzo, Dennis Lasley (PM, RAM), Richard Wilson and Steve Oge

During these ten years, these employees were involved with the tremendous success and growth of TC ACCIS, incorporating many changes and its eventual designation as a legacy system. Now they are equally critical to the success of TC-AIMS II. You can be assured that many of the same people you have grown to trust are still there to support you, bringing an expertise and systems knowledge that only years of hands-on involvement can provide.

All four RAM employees who received awards have been on the project with RAM at least 10 consecutive years; three of these individuals have been with the project 12 to 14 years. Award recipients are Garry Haun, Steve Oge, Raquel Soranzo and Rich Wilson.

We congratulate them for their hard work, dedication and many years of service.

Army Fielding Schedule

by TIS Staff

The TC-AIMS II fielding team continues to be very busy and will be busy for some time to come. The fielding team is currently in Kuwait supporting the redeployment, as well as at Fort Hood providing a Fielding Command/Gaining Command (FC/GC) briefing. The team is also in Korea training UMOs, configuring equipment, loading the application and transferring equipment. They also are providing invaluable assistance to planners, developers, testers and configuration management here at headquarters.

The fielding team is anticipating a Fort Hood site survey within the next three months, and is currently developing the MOA and finalizing the schedule for the fielding of Fort Bragg. The fielding team recently returned from Fort Bragg where they conducted a site survey.

The most recent fielding schedule is at right. Not included are the return trips to Hawaii, Fort Lewis and Alaska, as well as to the USA Reserves and National Guard locations supported by the active Army component in each of these installations.

Now that you have become better acquainted with our fielding schedule, it should not come as a great surprise that each time you come looking for your fielding team all you ever find is an unattended desk and phone!

*** Please Note:**
Dates on the fielding schedule at right are subject to change.

As of July 2003

	Site	FC/GC	NMIB Site Survey	Fielding Window	
				Start	End
Block 1	Ft Lewis	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete
	Hawaii (USA)	Complete	Complete	Mar-03	May-03
	Korea (USA)	Complete	Complete	Sep-03	Nov-03
	Alaska (less SBCT #3)	Complete	Complete	Jul-03	Aug-03
	RTS (Japan)	Complete	Complete	Oct-03	Nov-03
Block 1 to Block 2 Transitions	USAREUR	23-27 Jun-03	Sep-03	Jan-04	Jun-04
	Ft Lewis		Sep-03	Jan-04	Mar-04
	Hawaii		Oct-04	Mar-04	May-04
	Alaska (less SBCT #3)		Mar-03	May-04	Jun-04
	Korea	Complete	Complete	Jun-04	Aug-04
	RTS (Japan) Part of Block 1 Survey	Complete	Complete	Aug-04	Sep-04
Block 2	Ft Bragg	Aug-03	Sep-03	Apr-03	Oct-04
	Ft Hood	Aug-03	Sep-03	Apr-03	Dec-04
	Ft Wainwright (SBCT #3)	Jul-03	Jul-03	May-04	Jan-04
	Ft Stewart	Mar-04	Apr-04	Aug-04	Oct-04
	Ft Benning	May-04	Jun-04	Nov-04	Dec-04
	Ft Campbell	Apr-04	Jun-04	Oct-04	Jan-05
	Ft Eustis	Jun-04	Aug-04	Dec-04	Mar-05
	Ft Drum	Aug-04	Oct-04	Feb-05	Apr-05
	Ft Polk	Sep-04	Nov-04	Mar-05	Apr-05
	Ft Riley	Oct-04	Dec-04	Apr-05	May-05
	Ft Sill	Oct-04	Dec-04	Apr-05	Apr-05
	Ft Bliss	Nov-04	Jan-05	May-05	Jun-05
	Ft Carson	Nov-04	Dec-04	May-05	Jun-05
	Ft Dix	Dec-04	Feb-05	Jun-05	Jul-05
	Ft McCoy	Dec-04	Feb-05	Jun-05	Jul-05
	Aberdeen PG	Jan-05	Mar-05	Jul-05	Sep-05
	Ft Buchanan	Mar-05	May-05	Sep-05	Nov-05
	Ft Huachuca	May-05	Jul-05	Nov-05	Dec-05
	Ft Jackson	Jul-05	Sep-05	Jan-06	Mar-06
	Ft Knox	Jul-05	Sep-05	Jan-06	Mar-06
	Ft Lee	Jul-05	Sep-05	Jan-06	Feb-06
	Ft Leonard Wood	Jul-05	Sep-05	Jan-06	Mar-06
	Ft Rucker	Aug-05	Oct-05	Feb-06	May-06
	Camp Atterbury	Sep-05	Nov-05	Mar-06	May-06
	Camp Roberts	Sep-05	Nov-05	Mar-06	Mar-06
	Camp Shelby	Sep-05	Nov-05	Apr-06	May-06
	Gowen Field	Sep-05	Nov-05	Apr-06	May-06
	Ft Irwin	Nov-05	Jan-06	May-06	Jul-06
	Ft Gorden	Nov-05	Dec-05	May-06	Jul-06
	Ft Pickett	Nov-05	Jan-06	May-06	Jul-06
	Ft Sam Houston	Nov-05	Jan-06	May-06	Jun-06
	Camp Blanding	Dec-05	Feb-06	Jun-06	Aug-06
	Camp Ripley	Dec-05	Feb-06	Jun-06	Aug-06
	Ft Gillem	Jan-06	Mar-06	Jul-06	Aug-06
	Ft Sheridan	Jan-06	Mar-06	Jul-06	Sep-06
	Ft McCoy	Feb-06	Apr-06	Aug-06	Sep-06
	Ft Carson	Feb-06	Apr-06	Aug-06	Sep-06
	Ft Riley	Feb-06	Apr-06	Aug-06	Oct-06
	RTS (Lewis)	Mar-06	May-06	Oct-06	Nov-06
	RTS (Devens)	Apr-06	Jun-06	Oct-06	Jan-07
	RTS (Drum)	Jul-06	Aug-06	Jan-07	Mar-07
	RTS (Dix)	Jul-06	Aug-06	Jan-07	Feb-07
	RTS (Hood)	Jul-06	Aug-06	Jan-07	May-07
	RTS (Atterbury)	Jul-06	Aug-06	Jan-07	Mar-07
	RTS (APG)	Aug-06	Oct-06	Feb-07	May-07
	RTS (Leonard Wood)	Sep-06	Nov-06	Mar-07	Mar-07
	RTS (Ripley)	Sep-06	Nov-06	Apr-07	May-07

Technical Management Division (TMD), Systems Engineering and Accreditation (SEA) Branch, Requirements Management

by Jim Lindsey, Requirements Manager, TMD,SEA

Within the SEA Branch, TMD, requirements management is a major activity that addresses both functional and technical requirements for TIS.

Functional requirements for TC-AIMS II are largely those identified by the TC-AIMS II Joint Requirements Office (JRO), recently replaced by the TC-AIMS II Joint Requirements Board (JRB), managed by Joint Forces Command (JFCOM), with Joint Command, Service and JPMO representation. These functional requirements are known as JRO requirements. The JRO requirements are allocated to the various TC-AIMS II development Blocks 1 through 5. The requirement of Blocks 1 and 2 are specified in detail and are either already developed or are in process today. The requirement allocations for Blocks 3 through 5 are less firm; however, Block 3 requirements have been conditionally specified by JFCOM. Additional functional requirements for Block 2 have been drawn from the development and operational testing of the TC-AIMS II system during the Blocks 1 and 2 development cycles. These requirements typically originate from a Test Incident Report (TIR) that identifies a perceived system shortcoming or capability gap. Such a TIR may evolve into a Software Change Request (SCR) that is inserted into the development process based on priority assigned by the JRO/JRB. All of the functional requirements, both JRO and SCR, are integrated into the system or interface requirement specifications of the appropriate development block as derived system requirements.

Technical requirements that an acquisition category 1A (ACAT 1A) system must meet include Joint Technical Architecture (JTA); Defense Information Infrastructure Common Operating Environment (DIICOE); and Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794d) and security requirements of DoD 8510.1-M, Department of Defense Information Technology Security Certification and Accreditation Process (DITSCAP), July 31, 2000). In addition, DoD Transformation requirements, as expressed in the Army Knowledge Management Guidance Memoranda, drive major innovations such as Web-enablement.

The large number of applicable requirements and the volatility caused by inserting requirements for new capabilities into an ongoing development require that TIS employ effective requirements management tools. TIS adopted the Telelogic DOORS* Requirements Management tool approximately one year ago and has pioneered its use during the Block 2 development. The tool is shared by the government and the contractor development team. Currently, the DOORS repository holds all of the requirements described above, and allows requirements traces from the derived development requirement up to the source requirement level. In addition to providing a repository and trace capability, the tool is used to actually generate the TC-AIMS II System Requirements Specification and the Interface Requirements Specification. Other documentation may also be generated from the tool in the future.

In addition, any functional or technical requirement may be affected by a deviation or a waiver. In simple terms a requirement that is deviated is one for which delivery (development) is postponed to some future date or event. A requirement that is waived is one that will not ever be delivered or developed within the program or project. All development requirements are configuration managed, meaning that change is absolutely controlled. Deviations and waivers are coordinated with affected customers and approved by the Project Manager, TIS. Waivers and deviations are maintained within the project office and are cross referenced to applicable requirements in DOORS.

* DOORS was originally the acronym for “Dynamic Object Oriented Requirements System.” However, the vendor, Telelogic, now uses DOORS almost exclusively as a proper noun.

Theater Support Vessel (TSV)

by James Wynn (Information compiled from the PM Army Watercraft Systems and the Deployment Process Modernization Office Web sites)

Modernization initiatives are already underway. Today the Army is pursuing a shallow-draft watercraft technology to provide the speed and agility needed to support the deployment, maneuver and sustainment of our forces when in theater.

TSV is the next generation of Army watercraft to support the Army's intra-theater lift mission. Using technologies developed within the commercial sector and DoD, the TSV will be faster, more capable and possess greater survivability than current generation watercraft.

Characteristics and capabilities of the Interim TSV and Objective TSV (designation pending):

- Increased Deployability: 40+ knots loaded
- Increased Payload: 1050 tons + 354 combat-loaded troops
- Increased Range: 4700+ nautical miles @ 40 knots
- Increase Survivability: Sea State 7+ (waves up to 40 feet)
- Improved Situational Awareness: En route mission planning
- Increase Responsiveness: Through minor and degraded ports
- Improved Velocity: Sustains deployment momentum, improves throughput
- Helicopter flight deck
- ISO container capable

The TSV is one of the key enablers to bring about operation throughput. It will allow commanders to operationally move and control combat power with precise sustainment into unpredictable entry points inside the theater of operations. It is the perfect complement to lighter and more agile Army forces.

High Tech RTS-M Sacramento Now Offering TC-AIMS II Training

by Diana Paulsen, 104th Division USARC

The High Tech Regional Training Site-Maintenance (RTS-M), Sacramento, under the command of Major Judy Fromherz, now offers the Transportation Coordinators'–Automated Information for Movements System II (TC-AIMS II) functional user training. TC-AIMS II can meet the 88N10-phase II (automation) requirement.

Thanks to the extraordinary efforts made by the USARC Action Officer Major Robin Williams, TC-AIMS II training is now being provided to units on the west coast. Systems were fielded at the Sacramento site and training began in June 2003. In training year 2004 there will be 14 classes, with a goal of 17 students being trained at each class.

The course scope includes a system overview, lecture and practical application instruction on the system's business process areas of asset management, movement planning, and movement coordination, movement execution and Services/AIT options associated with unit move operations. Instruction is mainly hands-on training utilizing instructor-led practical exercises with a minimum of conference/lecture type training.

The Army Training Requirements and Resource System (ATRRS) school code for RTS-M, Sacramento is 924. School point of contact is Mr. Mike Tipton, 916-386-6499, email: mike.tipton@usarc.emh-2.army.mil. USARC POC: USARC G-7, TC SRC Manager is Major Robin Williams, 404-464-8339, email: robin.williams@usarc.emh-2.army.mil.

Army Chief of Staff Says Fort Hood's Deployment Warriors are the Best!

by Kathy McPherson, Fort Hood

On 21 July 2003, HQDA sent a message to the Army announcing that Fort Hood had won the 2003 Army Deployment Excellence Award. Specifically, Fort Hood won the Best Active Army Component, Installation Category. The second place finisher is MG James M. Wright Deployment Center in Germany.

IMA SW Region Operations, Stewart Wyland sent this endorsement:

"My heartiest personal congratulations to the entire team at Fort Hood - not only for winning the DEA for Active Army Installation Category but also for assisting the 43rd MP Detachment in winning the Small Unit Category."

With numerous deployments from across the country to Afghanistan, Iraq, other international locations and to homeland locations, the competition was pretty tough! Nine IMA installations submitted nomination packets, with almost all power projection platforms represented, including last year's award winner, Fort Stewart.

There are three competition categories: Installation, Deploying Unit (large and small), and Supporting Unit. There were 13 Installation Category nominations, seven Active and six Reserve. The Installation Category is a bit more complicated because it not only covers deployment execution, but also requires the nominations to describe the extensive planning, preparation, and training that makes the Installation deployment ready at all times, and how the Installation examines and improves from after action reports.

When asked to write the award, the only thing I knew about deployment was to pray for the soldiers when they left and welcome them back when they returned. While developing the nomination package and preparing the Validation Team visit I received a crash course from Fort Hood's "Deployment College" taught by dozens, representing hundreds of phenomenal people who make Fort Hood the "Premier Power Projection Platform" in the United States Army. Deployment work requires sharp, hard-working, selfless and energetic people. These folks are truly **"Deployment Warriors"** and deserve all the accolades they receive and then some.

The work in Garrison is always customer-focused. Here is deployment feedback from the 4ID Commander, MG Odierno and his ADC, BG Steve Speakes:

"Fort Hood is known as the premier power projection platform in the U.S. Those of us in TF Ironhorse know the truth of that claim based on our experience in deploying the Task Force this spring. I am still amazed that one post was able to orchestrate the deployment of 44 ships worth of equipment and 32 thousand personnel in coordination with MTMC and FORSCOM HQs.

"More than half of the TF's personnel and equipment came from Fort Hood. This represented the largest deployment from a single Power Projection Platform since the Gulf War.

Fort Hood's Deployment Warriors, *continued on page 11*

Celebrities Among Us

by Raquel Soranzo, RAM, Inc.

During the recent deployment to Iraq, our small TC ACCIS staff was on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to support the deploying installations. They were equipped with cell phones that rang at all hours of the day and night. Although everyone played a critical role in the movement of equipment, one installation took it upon themselves to personally thank three individuals they heavily relied upon throughout the deployment process.

Fort Hood, Texas, sent Garry Haun, Alain Wampouille and Mike Wang a Certificate of Achievement and an Oscar Winning Deployer statue.

Alain Wampouille, Gary Haun, Mike Wang

We would like to thank Fort Hood for their kind recognition, and to take this opportunity to congratulate them for being the recipients of the 2003 Army Deployment Excellence Award.

AALPS in NATO—Part 1

by Michael Cannon, A&T Systems

The Department of Defense Automated Air Load Planning System (AALPS) is a unique software program conceived through a Mission Need Statement of the U.S. Army's XVIII Corps. The Corps needed the use of Advance Information Technology (AIT) in air load planning to assist in meeting Force Projection goals of deploying one of its divisions in 72 hours. The program has been under development since 1990. In March 1995 it was selected by the Joint Transportation Corporate Information Management (CIM) Center (JTCC) as the migratory system for air load planning. During the developmental stages, a primary focus of keeping the program simple enough for the company level unit planner and yet sophisticated enough for a headquarter force planner have been two key elements that have made AALPS a successfully fielded software program.

In December 1999, a NATO Washington Summit identified several NATO Defense Capability Initiatives necessary for the expanding membership with Partners for Peace nations. One initiative for Mobility Deployment sounded loudly for the need to use AIT to achieve one of its goals stating, "The Alliance and Nations should further develop arrangements for cooperative or shared use of sea and airlift in order to use these limited resources as efficiently and effectively as possible." The need to use air assets as efficiently and effectively as possible for the air transportation of forces and equipment was easily recognized as a need for AALPS.

With NATO's need and an already successfully fielded program on the street, it was time to introduce AALPS to NATO through the NATO Air Transportation Working Group (ATWG). The ATWG is an action group composed of operation and support representatives from each member nation for air transportation within NATO. It meets yearly to review Standard NATO Agreements (STANAGS) to ensure they are meeting today's mission requirements and that all nations are in harmony with the decision through ratification and promulgation of the agreements. It also has assumed the task of creating written policy for the effective command and control of air transport operations and ground support during NATO operations. This was the right place for AALPS to start. It was at the 32nd NATO ATWG where a representative to the U.S. delegation requested the AALPS Program Management Office (PMO) to provide a briefing and demonstration on AALPS to the present 19-member nations at NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, September 2000. AALPS Version 4.0 was briefed and demonstrated making it the first exposure to the European airlift community with the possibility of achieving one of the Defense Capability Initiatives. The briefing was well received by many of the nations having considerable air transport assets, but remained a bit foreign to others. Working for harmonization within NATO can be a long process marked with only small increments of success. This meant getting AALPS out into the NATO air transport system to operationally demonstrate its capabilities.

In June 2001, AALPS was briefed and demonstrated to NATO Headquarters AIRNORTH/A4 Movements Section, located at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. It was here where AALPS was viewed enthusiastically as a solution to the problem of trying to air load plan multi-national equipment onto different types of aircraft without having to coordinate through several national levels. To best achieve this goal, it would be necessary to put AALPS to the test. It was decided to demonstrate AALPS through two NATO exercises with only NATO members in a stand alone capability. Exercises ALLIED EFFORT and STRONG RESOLVE were to be the testbed for AALPS within the NATO air transport system at a command and control level and at an operational flying level. The first AALPS in NATO Capability Demonstration was beginning to take shape and will be covered in the next issue of The Deployer.

Outstanding Efforts from the TIS Family

by Ramona Kester, Titan Corporation

It is the dedication and hard work of the entire TIS JPMO staff that enables us to succeed as a team working towards a common goal. However, at times, individual efforts deserve to be rewarded. The most recent outstanding individual efforts were recognized at an awards ceremony held on 23 September 2003 at the TIS JPMO in Springfield, Virginia.

The following three TIS JPMO team members received special recognition for their top-quality support and extra efforts.

Ralph Ocasio

Mr. Ralph Ocasio was awarded the Commander's Award for Civilian Service and also received an Appreciation Letter for serving as Team Leader and Senior Functional Expert in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Mr. Ocasio coordinated the redeployment process among Joint Transportation Center 377th Theater Support Command and Deployment Support Brigades. His hard work and understanding lead to the successful redeployment of three brigade-sized elements.

James Wynn

Mr. James Wynn was awarded a Special Act Award for his exceptional service and support to our military troops in Southwest Asia. As Team Lead, Mr. Wynn interacted effectively with all levels of the Coalition Forces Land Component Command structure assisting our troops with redeployment efforts. His ability to rapidly analyze unexpected challenges and provide timely and effective solutions ensured the success of the team's mission.

Maj Joseph Yates

Maj Joseph Yates was awarded the Army Commendation Medal and also received a Certificate of Appreciation for his outstanding service as Team Leader during redeployment efforts of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Maj Yates orchestrated efforts by effectively prioritizing user needs and applying the resources available to maintain system readiness and ensure unit personnel and equipment were effectively and efficiently prepared for redeployment.

Congratulations to our most recent outstanding achievers!

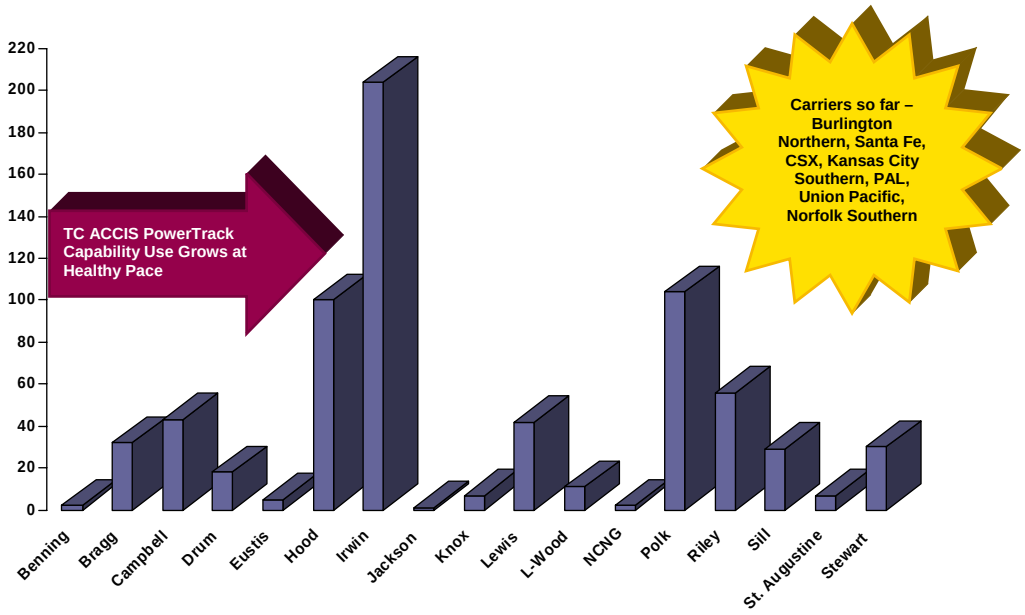
TIS-TO Nears Full USFK Acceptance, *continued from page 2*

When an individual user of TIS-TO connects to the Citrix Web server, they experience an incredible increase of processing speed. One user stated that a function which normally took eight minutes to complete using DAMMS-R, now takes 22 seconds using TIS-TO. Furthermore, there is an overall reduction of bandwidth, as important data is shuttled at the central server level, negating the need for system-wide communication. With ICA, applications consume as little as one-tenth of their normal network bandwidth as the Citrix ICA protocol consumes less than 20 Kb of bandwidth allowing it to operate consistently—even over dial-up and ISDN connections—without regard to the robustness of the executing application. The latest Citrix ICA Clients provide excellent performance when connecting to the server-based TIS-TO application over any connection—LAN, WAN, modem, wireless or satellite.

On the server, Citrix ICA has the unique ability to separate the DAMMS-R application logic from the user interface. On the client, users see and work with the familiar DAMMS-R user interface, but 100 percent of the application executes on the server. The central TIS-TO server is located in CONUS where support functions of all TIS systems are concentrated. As is any Web-based application, TIS-TO is at times subject to the vagaries of the NIPRNET and international Internet infrastructure limitations. Users have found these limitations to be more of a nuisance than a hindrance to operational capability. The occasional and intermittent loss of connectivity—usually at predictable times—is more than eclipsed by the blazing speed offered by TIS-TO.

Nearly 50 million people employ this technology as the foundation for accessing applications and information from any device over any network. That's how Citrix ICA has become the industry standard for delivering corporate applications across the broadest array of desktop platforms and networks and why USFK is on track to accept TIS-TO. Readers may have recalled that USAREUR also looked at TIS-TO and has recently set a target date of January 2004 to shut off DAMMS-R and begin using TIS-TO for daily operations.

At First Glance: TC ACCIS →PowerTrack Interface Continues Strong Use



Fort Hood's Deployment Warriors, *continued from page 8*

"The deployment validated the enormous investment that the Army and the Joint Community made in achieving improved deployability from Fort Hood. The equipment was prepared to a higher level of deployability thanks to the magnificent process in place at FH. The DRRF (Deployment Ready Reaction Field) provided us the chance to achieve wartime task organization for deployment. This was important because deploying in task-organized sets materially enhanced the employability of the Division once in the combat AOR. Equipment flow was dramatically enhanced due to the new railhead that affords deploying units access to 13 rail spurs.

"Improved command and control procedures were materially enhanced by the Post's use of deployment support teams. All of these teams made a difference in the speed of the Division's deployment.

"From the pax movement standpoint the support was also world-class. The Corps AG's manifesting process was simple and effective. Soldiers never waited for anything as they left the post in record numbers. The new Joint Use Army Airfield provided us the needed opportunity to support military deployability while teaming with local authorities in burden sharing.

"All of us now in Iraq know that Fort Hood is a fantastic home that provides world class support to deployment and then to continuing care of the deployed force."

The Army Chief of Staff presented the Deployment Excellence Award plaque to Fort Hood's Director of Logistics COL Robert Hauser, and his Chief, Deployment Operations Division Gladys Yoshinaka, on 27 August 2003 in Washington, D.C. These two Army leaders were there on behalf of LTG Metz and COL Parry to accept the Army Chief of Staff's 2003 Army Deployment Excellence Award. Personnel from DOL who worked the major Deployment nodes, the Installation Transportation Office, and Garrison SPO were also there to cheer wildly as they announced that Fort Hood won the most challenging category: Active Army-Installation Category.

Congratulations Fort Hood, for a job well done. 💻

Re-Use of TDCs

by Alain Wampouille, RAM Inc.

Before last months release of 5.0.134, TC ACCIS sites that were re-using TDCs (e.g., in "RS," "BS," or "NTC" rotations) needed to have their site system administrators contact customer support prior to processing rail load lists or CBLs. We have made this functionality available to the freight personnel who have installed 5.0.134 release.

Login to TC ACCIS with either a Freight login or as 'WWWWWW.'

From TC ACCIS Main Menu, select: **Option 3 - Shipment Planning**
From Shipment Planning Menu, select: **Option 4 - Shipping Documentation**
From Shipping Documentation Menu, select: **Option 2 - GBL Functions**
From GBL Functions Menu, select: **Option 9 - Purge GBL by TDC** (as shown below)

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1 - Prepare Load List for Rail Move
2 - Prepare Load List for Motor Move
3 - Prepare a GBL
4 - Prepare GBL Correction Notice
5 - Manage Blocks of GBL Numbers
6 - View Active Blocks of GBL Numbers
7 - View All Blocks of GBL Numbers
8 - GBL Register
9 - Purge GBL by TDC

E - Exit to Shipping Documentation

Enter Selection:

If the old data is not deleted first, the re-used TDC can cause erroneous or duplicate data to be pulled into the new rail load list and CBL. The UMC is still responsible for removing the old TDC DELs, as the Purge GBL (CBL) function is distinct from it.

Documentation Correction to the TC ACCIS-AALPS Data Feed Procedures

by Alain Wampouille, RAM Inc.

The latest TC ACCIS release, 5.0.134, was recently shipped to TC ACCIS installations. This release introduced the TC ACCIS/AALPS Data Feed, and included procedures on how to run this interface. We recently noticed an error in the procedures.

The first step (step **a.**) of the processing procedures should be corrected as shown below. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Processing Procedures:
a. Login as an ITO/UMC.
From the TC ACCIS Main Menu, choose option 2 – ITO Equipment List Processing, then, option A – AALPS Data Port.

Update of TC ACCIS Urged

In every newsletter we update the current TC ACCIS install chart. The chart has not changed much the past several months, prior to the new release of 5.0.134. Since the mailing of this new version, 13 sites have installed the latest software. It is very important that you upgrade as soon as possible to take advantage of the more recent functionalities.

If you have misplaced your install tape, please contact us at the customer support number (703) 752-0806 or 1-866-TCAIMS2. We will send you another tape. Please make the time to upgrade your system.

Transitions

PM, TIS Welcomes Mr. Robert Morris

by Ramona Kester, Titan Corporation

The Transportation Information Systems Joint Program Management Office (TIS JPMO) welcomed Mr. Robert Morris on 24 August 2003 as its 5th Project Manager.

Mr. Morris is a 2003 graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and has completed advanced training in Materiel Acquisition Management, the Command and General Staff Officer's Course, and the Defense Systems Management College's Program Management Course. Mr. Morris earned dual Masters Degrees in Systems Management and Contracting, and holds a B.S. from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Mr. Morris is Level III certified in program management and became an Army Acquisition Corps member in 1994. Mr. Morris also serves as a USAR Lieutenant Colonel.

Mr. Robert Morris (PM, TIS) with Mr. Kevin Carroll (PEO, PEO EIS)

Mr. Morris' awards and decorations include: two Meritorious Civilian Service Awards, Meritorious Service Medal, Superior Civilian Service Award, Army Commendation Medal, Commander's Award for Civilian Service, and Army Achievement Medal.

We welcome Mr. Morris and look forward to working with him to achieve our project goals.

James Givens Leaves AALPS

by Raquel Soranzo, RAM Inc.

James Givens

Mr. Jim Givens came to the AALPS project in June of 2003 as the workshop coordinator. He was responsible for planning the two upcoming Joint Training Conference and Workshops in New Orleans and Las Vegas. His last day with AALPS was 30 September 2003. He has accepted a position with ALION Science and Technology.

Mr. Givens is a veteran of the U.S. Army. After 30 years of service he retired as a Colonel in 1995. He spent the majority of his military career in the area of transportation and relocation. This background helped him when he went to work with Pragmatics Inc. He coordinated the move for MTMC from the Nassif building in Falls Church to the Hoffman building in Alexandria during 2000 to 2001.

From 2002 to 2003, Mr. Givens worked with Innovated Logistics Techniques Inc. (INNOLOG). Here he was involved with the logistic support for the Transportation Security Agency federalizing all of the airports throughout the United States, to include the Caribbean, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Alaska, and Guam. They federalized a total of 461 airports.

Mr. Givens' ultimate goal is to eventually retire for the last time and move back to his home state of Texas where he owns several hundred acres of land on a ranch. After 30 years in the Army and eight years as a contractor he is looking forward to the day that his next job will be that of a rancher!

We wish you all the best in your new endeavors and hope you make it back to Texas soon.

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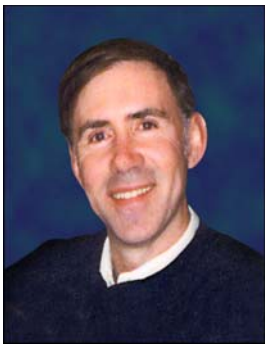
We Bid a Fond Farewell to Fort Devens' Robert Fuchs

by Raquel Soranzo, RAM Inc.



Robert J. Fuchs, Jr.

We sadly announce that Mr. Robert J. Fuchs Jr. succumbed to pancreatic cancer on Friday, 1 August 2003 at his home in Teaticket, Massachusettes after a two year battle with the disease.

Mr. Fuchs, 53, was a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, serving during the Vietnam War with the U.S. Army from June 1972 until June 1975. He then continued as a Senior Master Sergeant with the U.S. Air Force Reserve retiring in 1995. He was currently employed by the Federal Civil Service as a transportation specialist at Fort Devens, Massachusettes.

Mr. Fuchs was assigned as Transportation Management Specialist on 16 July 2000, but was detailed there in July 1997. He became the TC ACCIS systems administrator in 1997 where he learned the system quickly and was very diligent. Mr. Fuchs was a wonderful person and coworker, with a very pleasant attitude.

Mr. Fuchs is survived by his wife of 24 years, Deborah, and his two sons, Matthew J. and David J. Fuchs. He loved his family and was a devoted and generous husband and father. Mr. Fuchs had coached t-ball, little league and basketball and had run in the Falmouth Road Race for seven years.

We are all very saddened to hear that Mr. Fuchs is no longer with us, although he will remain in our hearts. 💻

Congratulations to the Bride and Groom

by Raquel Soranzo, RAM Inc.

On Friday evening, 15 August 2003, in the presence of family and friends, Phyllis V. Stewart and Ted H. Johnson celebrated their union. The bride, Phyllis, is employed at Fort Knox, in the Transportation, Unit Movements section. The groom, Ted, is employed in a commercial capacity as a logistician.

Phyllis's sister introduced the pair by arranging that both Phyllis' and Ted's sons spent time together while Ted's son was visiting Kentucky. The boys are approximately the same age.

The bride was given away by her 15-year-old son Seth.

We wish Phyllis and Ted a lifetime of happiness. 💻

An Era has Come to a Close

by Raquel Soranzo, RAM Inc.

Mr. Herb Wallace, the Systems Administrator at Fort Polk, Louisianna, retired this summer 2003. This is his second retirement. Mr. Wallace retired from the U.S. Army as an E7 in 1981, and began his second career as a consultant for Z Computers. After leaving Z Computers in 1984, he taught computer science at a local college. In 1988 he rejoined the government work force, only this time as a civil servant.

Mr. Wallace spent his first five years with the government in the Education Center. After a RIF in 1993, he was made a computer specialist for TC ACCIS. He not only handled the TC ACCIS system, but was also responsible for the TOPPS system. With his love of computers, he was very creative and inventive. In 1997, he connected the TC ACCIS system to the Internet. He networked all the system printers, monitors and other peripherals.

Mr. Wallace was also one of the catalysts for purchasing the HP 9000 printers. He acquired the proper drivers and greatly assisted in getting these printers to work with TC ACCIS.

We are sad to see Mr. Wallace leave the TC ACCIS family. He had become a good friend and colleague. We wish him all the best in this new phase of his life and want him to know that we are not in the least bit envious! 💻

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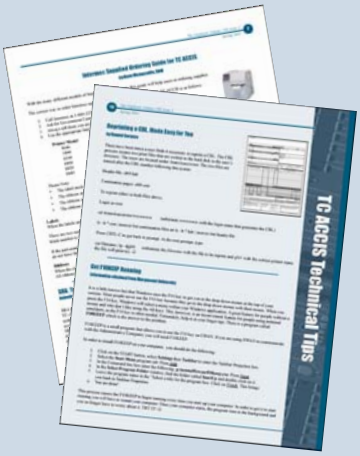

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